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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on August 1, 2007. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2006, but 2 percent above August 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million, 17 percent below 2006 and 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.56 million. This is the lowest number of placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 312 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 445 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 505 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.00 million, 3 percent above 2006 and 4 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 61.0 thousand during July, 5 percent above 2006, but unchanged from 2005.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 540 thousand head on August 1, 2007, 1 percent below last month, but 5 percent above August 2006. During July, placements of 51.0 thousand were 7 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 54.0 thousand head were 19 percent below July of 2006. Other disappearance totaled 2.00 thousand head.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head			
Arizona	344	343	100	31	32	34	33
California	530	545	103	55	51	67	54
Colorado	980	940	96	145	115	175	175
Idaho	230	220	96	36	35	40	49
Iowa	460	510	111	60	64	73	73
Kansas	2,280	2,140	94	590	430	495	450
Nebraska	1,990	2,050	103	380	350	410	480
New Mexico	140	132	94	23	12	18	14
Oklahoma	340	325	96	58	48	52	67
South Dakota	180	197	109	24	22	38	42
Texas	2,980	2,870	96	480	390	480	470
Washington	148	150	101	33	27	26	32
Other States	270	315	117	43	46	42	60
UNITED STATES	10,872	10,737	99	1,958	1,622	1,950	1,999

State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number On Feed August 1 1/		2007/2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	Thousand Head				Percent
Arizona	2	1	339	341	101
California	3	2	515	540	105
Colorado	10	10	940	870	93
Idaho	1	1	225	205	91
Iowa	2	1	445	500	112
Kansas	15	20	2,360	2,100	89
Nebraska	10	10	1,950	1,910	98
New Mexico	1	1	144	129	90
Oklahoma	1	1	345	305	88
South Dakota	1	2	165	175	106
Texas	10	10	2,970	2,780	94
Washington	1	1	154	144	94
Other States	1	1	270	300	111
UNITED STATES	58	61	10,822	10,299	95

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND UNITED STATES, JULY 1, 2006-07 1/

Class	Canada 2/			United States 3/		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	16,000	15,885	99	105,200	104,800	100
All Cows:	6,165	6,093	99	42,600	42,500	100
Beef	5,165	5,113	99	33,450	33,350	100
Milk	1,000	980	98	9,150	9,150	100
Heifers 500 Lbs. + 4/	2,445	2,438	100	16,600	16,600	100
Beef Replacement	691	668	97	5,000	4,700	94
Milk Replacement	507	480	95	3,800	3,900	103
Other Heifers	1,247	1,290	103	7,800	8,000	103
Steers 500 Lbs. + 4/	1,655	1,791	108	15,000	14,900	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. + 4/	268	264	99	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	5,467	5,301	97	28,900	28,700	99
Calf Crop 5/	5,313	4,696	---	37,567	37,400	100

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

3/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

4/ For Canada, one year and over with the exception of calves, which are under one year.

5/ January-December calf crop for U.S. For 2007, January-June calf crop for Canada.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during July 2007 totaled 133 million pounds (dressed weight), 6 percent below the previous month, but 2 percent above July 2006. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 2007, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,288 pounds; calves, 124 pounds; and hogs, 234 pounds.

**U.S. TOTAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION
UP FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2006.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62.6 thousand head, up 8 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was 289 pounds, down 36 pounds from last year.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.40 million head, up 7 percent from July 2006. The average live weight, at 264 pounds, was up 1 pound from the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 205 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2007 commercial red meat production was 27.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent, but lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent from last year.

July 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays, while July 2007 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 2006-07 a/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	128.8	130.2	167,193	165,045	1,322	1,288
U.S.	2,834.0	2,901.6	3,598,226	3,672,121	1,273	1,269
CALVES						
California	9.7	12.2	1,204	1,511	124	124
U.S.	57.9	62.6	18,674	17,910	325	289
SHEEP AND LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	202.4	204.7	26,303	26,821	130	131
HOGS						
California	203.1	206.1	47,081	48,119	233	234
U.S.	7,882.0	8,396.6	2,074,519	2,216,567	263	264
RED MEAT						
	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2007 July 2006	July 2007 June 2007	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	130.5	142.2	133.2	102	94	
U.S. b/	3,790.6	4,027.8	3,938.9	104	98	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

b/ Revised June 2007 data.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, CANADA AND UNITED STATES 2006-07 1/ 2/

Type	Canada July 1 Inventory 3/			United States June 1 Inventory 4/		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
All Hogs & Pigs	15,065	14,693	98	61,687	62,750	102
Kept for Breeding	1,587	1,571	99	6,060	6,116	101
Market	13,479	13,123	97	55,627	56,634	102
Sows Farrowed	812	802	99	2,927	2,966	101
Pig Crop	7,875	7,841	100	26,579	27,141	102

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes Boars.

3/ Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

4/ Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.45 billion pounds of milk in July 2007. This was 3 percent above June 2007, and 11 percent above July 2006.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,910 pounds, 60 pounds more than in June 2007, and 150 pounds above a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION

Month	California						Total Milk Receipts 5/		United States 1/					
	Milk Cows 2/ 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 3/ 4/		2006	2007	Milk Cows 2/ 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 3/ 4/	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007			2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,776	1,791	1,825	1,880	3,241	3,367	3,240	3,364	8,198	8,280	1,711	1,724	14,027	14,276
Feb.	1,779	1,793	1,710	1,755	3,042	3,147	3,037	3,145	8,206	8,277	1,586	1,582	13,018	13,098
Mar.	1,781	1,796	1,925	1,980	3,428	3,556	3,423	3,551	8,224	8,285	1,775	1,783	14,599	14,771
Apr.	1,784	1,797	1,855	1,920	3,309	3,450	3,308	3,445	8,240	8,280	1,726	1,746	14,222	14,457
May	1,785	1,800	1,895	1,930	3,383	3,474	3,381	3,471	8,257	8,286	1,782	1,795	14,712	14,874
June	1,786	1,805	1,795	1,850	3,206	3,339	3,204	3,338	8,269	8,294	1,697	1,713	14,033	14,204
July	1,774	1,808	1,760	1,910	3,122	3,453	3,118		8,258	8,308	1,688	1,743	13,937	14,483
Aug.	1,770		1,860		3,292		3,290		8,255		1,676		13,838	
Sept.	1,773		1,775		3,147		3,142		8,251		1,613		13,307	
Oct.	1,778		1,815		3,227		3,222		8,255		1,652		13,637	
Nov.	1,782		1,760		3,136		3,133		8,260		1,614		13,332	
Dec.	1,787		1,845		3,297		3,296		8,276		1,690		13,983	

1/ Twenty-three-state total.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Revised data for June 2007.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from California's Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on farm usage.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 2006	June 2007	July 15, 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 15, 2007
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	101.00	154.00	152.00	107.00	131.00	131.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	103.00	163.00	159.00	113.00	137.00	137.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	50.20	54.30	52.60
Cows 2/	Cwt.	44.70	47.80	48.70	46.40	50.10	51.40
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	86.50	90.40	92.40	90.00	93.30	94.30
Calves 2/	Cwt.	114.00	112.00	111.00	137.00	125.00	125.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	22.50	23.50	---	27.60	27.50	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	87.00	91.00	---	93.40	96.30	---
Milk Cows 5/	Head	1,500.00	---	1,850.00	1,680.00	---	1,950.00
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	10.46	19.64	20.60	11.70	20.20	21.70

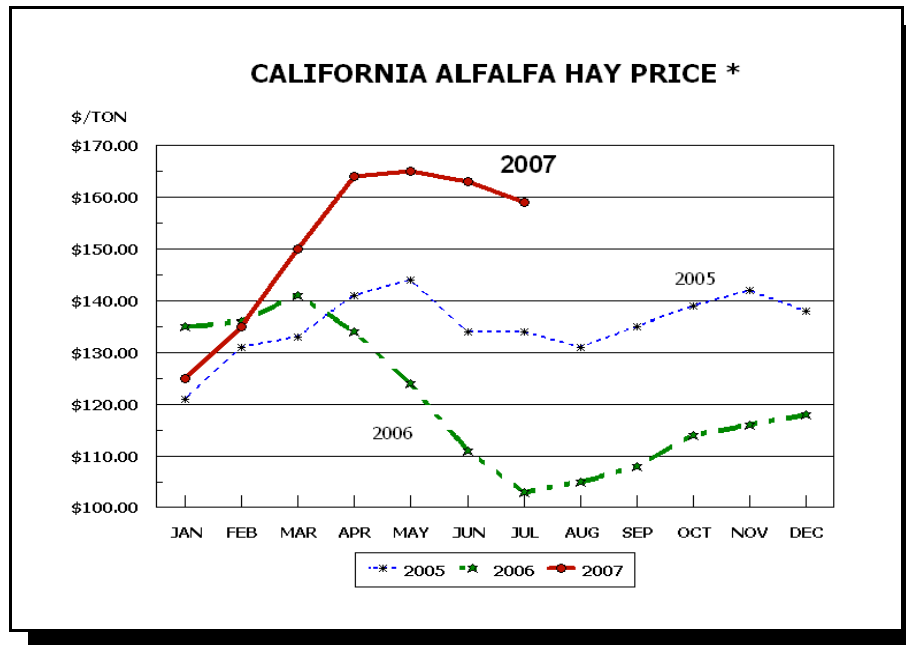
1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ California's July 2007 prices are for the full month.

4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

5/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



* Includes all qualities.

Source: USDA, NASS, California Field Office